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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7455

BILL NUMBER: HB 1345

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 12, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Distribution of Water Resources.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Stemler

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to: (1) identify and describe aquifers directly connected to the Wabash River, White River, and Ohio River basins (basins); (2) maintain a data base with the basins' information gathered; (3) submit a status report of the basins' information gathered to the Water Resources Study Committee (Committee); and (4) develop water conservation measures related to the basins consistent with those measures developed for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin.

The bill requires the Committee to: (1) study issues concerning water distribution systems relevant to the basins; and (2) examine and identify measures necessary to develop a plan to create a stable grid linking existing water distribution systems.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill requirements are reported to be activities that the DNR Division of Water is currently working on, or can do within the level of resources currently available.

Interim Study Committee Topics: The bill requires the Water Resources Study Committee to study issues concerning water distribution systems relevant to the White, Wabash, and Ohio River basins during the 2013 interim session. The Committee is to examine and identify measures necessary to develop a plan to create a stable grid linking existing water distribution systems. The Water Resources Study Committee consists of 12 members of the General Assembly. This provision should have no additional impact on state expenditures, as the Committee may include the topics required by the bill at a regularly scheduled meeting during the interim. If the committee were to hold additional meetings to address this topic, there would be additional expenditures

for legislator per diem and travel reimbursement for the Committee members. Any additional expenditures must be within the committee's budget, which was set at \$9,500 for the 2012 interim.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: DNR, Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR, Division of Water at: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/water/3468.htm>

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